



Middlesex Fells Reservation

Department of Conservation and Recreation

JUNE 2022 PROGRAMS

All Programs are free and open to the public. An adult must accompany children. Reasonable accommodations available upon request. Parking fees may apply depending on program location. Please follow all current COVID guidelines: [Mass.gov/COVID](https://www.mass.gov/covid). For more information please email Jesse MacDonald, Visitor Services Supervisor, at Jesse.MacDonald@mass.gov.

Sundays

VISITOR CENTER OPEN HOUSE, 12:30–2:30p.m.

Botume House Visitor Cntr., 4 Woodland Rd., Stoneham
Drop in at any time to view our permanent exhibit on the history and natural resources of the Fells, ask questions about the park or DCR, pick up a map, and meet the Fells staff.

Sunday June 5, 19, 26

OFF THE BEATEN PATH Hike Series, 9-11:00 a.m.

Locations vary weekly

Join the Park Interpreter for this weekly hike! Each trip will highlight a “less traveled” route in the Fells. Hikes will range from 2–4 miles and travel on uneven and rocky terrain. Best for ages 8 and up. *Rain cancels.*

June 5: Lawrence Woods/Rams Head Road. Meet behind Medford H.S., 489 Winthrop St, Medford. *Difficulty: moderate.*

June 19: Spot Pond and Cross Fells Trail. Meet at Botume House Visitor Center, 4 Woodland Rdd, Stoneham. *Difficulty: easy with segments of moderate.*

June 26: Hemlock Pool, Boojum Rock and the MIT Observatory. Approx. 3 miles. Meet at the Flynn Rink parking area across from Gate 33, Medford. *Difficulty: moderate-difficult.*

Wednesday June 15, 22, 29

OUTDOORS 101 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Greenwood Park, 176 Pond Street, Stoneham

Want to explore the outdoors, but don’t know where to start? This discussion and guided hike series is for you! Every week, we will explore different topics concerning the basics of outdoor recreation.

Includes an easy 1.5 mile hike. Intended for adults or families with little to no outdoor experience/comfort. *Dress for the weather. Wear sturdy, closed toe footwear. Bring water, bug spray, sunscreen, and a snack. Rain cancels.*

June 15: Part 1: First Steps— where to go, what to bring, and other necessary prep!

June 22: Part 2: Staying Safe— identifying natural hazards; weather, temperature, and your body; knowing your limits; and how to handle an emergency.

June 29: Part 3: Caring for the Outdoors— trail etiquette, Leave No Trace ethics, and giving back to our natural resources.

Thursday June 2, 16, 30

KIDLEIDOSCOPE, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Greenwood Park, 176 Pond Street, Stoneham

For the young set who loves nature! The park interpreter will lead a preschool aged program that includes a story, craft, & walk that involves outdoor exploration. A different nature topic each session, so come every week! For Ages 3 to 6. *Meet under the pavilion at Greenwood Park, across from Stone Zoo. Rain cancels.*



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Thursday
June 2, 30

TRAILS THRU TIME History Hikes, 2:00–3:30p.m.
Location and topics vary.
All ages. Rain cancels.

June 2: Explore the Tudor Barn
Botume House Visitor Cntr., 4 Woodland Rd., Stoneham
Drop in any time to tour a piece of Fells history! Learn about the history of the barn, the human usage of Spot Pond over time, and the current habitat restoration work in the area. A quarter mile hike from the Botume House Visitor Center at 4 Woodland Rd., Stoneham.

June 30: Medford's Gypsy Moth War
Lawrence Woods, Meet behind Medford H.S., 489 Winthrop St, Medford.
In 1869, one of the most destructive invasive insects in America—the Gypsy Moth—escaped from a Medford home, making the Fells the front line in a decades-long battle to save New England's forests. Hear the fascinating story of the ingenious, ill-advised, and bizarre methods used to combat the infestation, Medford's first mayor Gen. Samuel Lawrence and his private moth-fighting force, and how the Fells was nearly lost completely to this invasive species.

Fridays

AFTER SCHOOL ADVENTURES, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Junior Rangers,
Botume House Visitor Cntr., 4 Woodland Rd., Stoneham
Calling all young nature lovers: learn about conservation, outdoor skills, and the value of our natural resources to become a Fells Junior Ranger! A new topic is discussed weekly.

For ages 8-12. Pre-registration is required for this program. Space is limited to 15 participants on a first come, first served basis. Participants that attend at least 3 of the sessions receive a Junior Ranger patch and certificate!

To pre-register, please email Jesse.Macdonald@mass.gov.

Friday
June 10, 24

FAMILY NATURE HIKE 10:00-11:00 a.m.
Location varies
An easy paced, family-friendly hike suitable for younger adventurers! Each week's hike will be a short, ~1-mile route with frequent stops to observe the nature around us. Best for ages 4 and up. *Rain cancels.*

June 10: Botume House Visitor Cntr., 4 Woodland Rd., Stoneham

June 24: Long Pond Parking, 530 South Border Rd., Winchester

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Saturday
June 4, 18

FELLS SERVICE SATURDAYS, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Location and focus varies

Help to keep the Fells beautiful, clean, and healthy! A different location and volunteer opportunity each week. Begins with 30-minute conservation or ecology discussion. Comfort with outdoor work and hand tools strongly suggested. Best for ages 8 and up. "Drop-in's" are welcome, but RSVP is appreciated. Please RSVP to Jesse.Macdonald@mass.gov. *Rain cancels.*

June 4: Straw Point Recreation Area, 49 New S. St., Stoneham. Freshwater conservation, invasives, and Spot Pond shore cleanup.

June 18: Jerry Jingle Rd., corner of E. Border Rd. and Fellsway E., Malden. Invasive plants/Japanese knotweed cut.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Wednesday
June 1

OUT OF THE CITY & INTO THE WOODS

Hike Series, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Our evening hike series features trails easily accessible via public transportation. Best for ages 12 and up, or younger children with hiking experience. *Rain cancels.*

June 1: Hemlock Pool and the "High Service" reservoir. Approx. 2 miles, moderate difficulty. Meet at the Flynn Rink parking area across from Gate 33. Best MBTA access: 99 bus route, Highland Ave @ Molyneaux Circle stop.

Saturday
June 11

SPOT POND FAMILY FISHING FESTIVAL,

9:00a.m.-1:00p.m., Straw Point, 49 New S. St., Stoneham

Sponsored by the Stoneham Police and in cooperation with MassWildlife, this is a free, non-competitive, family friendly, learn to fish event. Bring your fishing equipment, or borrow ours; limited equipment and bait will be provided.

Open to the public. **No pre-registration or fishing license required.** For more information, contact Jim Lagacy at jim.lagacy@mass.gov.

Tuesday
June 14

FULL STRAWBERRY MOON HIKE, 8:00-10:30p.m.

Botume House Visitor Cntr., 4 Woodland Rd., Stoneham

Join our park interpreter and rangers for a hike around Spot Pond under the full moon and experience the nocturnal life of the forest! Bring water, a flashlight/headlamp (red lights recommended), and appropriate clothing for cooler nighttime temperatures.

Pre-registration required.

Please RSVP to Jesse.Macdonald@mass.gov.

Approx. 1.5 miles, easy terrain. Best for ages 12 and up (or younger children comfortable with darkness). Rain cancels.